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SUBJECT: ARAFAT'S PRESENCE AT SAUDI DINNER FOR SHAIKH OF

BAHRAIN

REF: JIDDA 2945

1. WE AGREE WE SHOULD NOT LET PASS UNNOTICED SITUATION CREATED BY INCLUSION YASIR ARAFAT AS HONORED GUEST AT DINNER FOR SHAIKH ISA OF BAHRAIN.

2. AMBASSADOR ACCORDINGLY IS AUTHORIZED TO INFORM MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS THAT LAST-MINUTE INCLUSION OF ARAFAT AS ADDITIONAL GUEST OF HONOR THIS FUNCTION WITHOUT PRIOR NOTIFICATION TO DIPLOMATIC CORPS WAS IN OUR VIEW INAPPROPRIATE AND EMBARRASSING. IN RAISING SUBJECT, YOU SHOULD POINT OUT THAT IT NOT OUR INTENTION BELABOR POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS BUT TO POINT OUT THAT ARAFAT'S ORGANIZATION AND ARAFAT PERSONALLY WERE DEEPLY INVOLVED IN ASSASSINATION OF TWO AMERICAN DIPLOMATS IN KHARTOUM. CONSEQUENTLY, AMBASSADOR SHOULD HAVE BEEN GIVEN OPPORTUNITY TO ABSENT HIMSELF GRACEFULLY TO AVOID BOTH PERSONAL AND OFFICIAL EMBARRASSMENT. IT IS HOPED THAT SIMILAR INCIDENTS COULD BE AVOIDED IN FUTURE BY GIVING MEMBERS OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS ADEQUATE ADVANCE WARNING IF INDIVIDUALS OR REPRESENTATIVES OF COUNTRIES OR ORGANIZATIONS KNOWN TO BE OBJECTIONABLE TO THEIR GOVERNMENTS ARE TO BE INCLUDED.

3. DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDS RAISING ISSUE ALONG FOREGOING LINES RATHER THAN STRESSING GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF DIPLOMATIC COURTESY AND PROTOCOL SUGGESTED PARA 5 OF REFTEL ON WHICH THERE MAY NOT BE UNIVERSAL ACCEPTANCE. RUSH UNQTE ROGERS

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